

## GENERAL TOURISM INFORMATION

City of Los Angeles Official Visitor's Guide  
<http://www.discoverlosangeles.com/>

Experience LA  
<http://www.experiencela.com/>

## FOOD/DRINK/RESTAURANTS INFORMATION

### **\*Restaurants Downtown\***

**Cicada** (\$\$\$\$) – [www.cicadarestaurant.com](http://www.cicadarestaurant.com)  
(213) 488-948-8617 S. Olive St. Los Angeles, CA 90014  
Italian. Site of former Alexander and Oviatt haberdashery (built 1928); gorgeous art-deco style with lots of lalique glass and double staircases with carved wood railings.

**Ciudad** (Mexican) -- <http://www.ciudad-la.com/>  
445 S. Figueroa St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  
phone: 213.486.5171  
Across the street from the Bonaventure  
Happy Hour, M-F, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Features a \$10 Quick Lunch menu  
Dinner entrees/\$26 and up

**Clifton's Cafeteria** – <http://www.cliftonscafeteria.com/home.html>  
648 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90014  
213-627-1673  
Open 7 days a week – 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Famed 1930s cafeteria in downtown LA.; landmark, famous for its refusal to turn anyone away during the Great Depression and for its indoor recreation of California redwood forest.

**Empress Pavilion** (\$\$) – [www.empresspavilion.com](http://www.empresspavilion.com)  
988 North Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90012-1750 (323) 230-4522  
(inside the Chinatown Bamboo Plaza)  
Chinese (dim sum).

**Grand Central Public Market** – <http://www.grandcentralsquare.com/>  
317 S. Broadway  
213-624-2378  
Monday – Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
An open-air market in downtown Los Angeles with a wide range of kiosks for various cuisines and fresh foods.

**La Serenata de Garibaldi** (Mexican) – <http://www.laserenataonline.com/>  
1842 East First Street, LA 90033  
323-265-2887  
Entrees/\$13 and up

**Langers Delicatessen and Restaurant** (\$) – [www.langersdeli.com](http://www.langersdeli.com)  
704 S Alvarado St. Los Angeles, C.A. 90057 (213) 483-8050  
Famous for their pastrami sandwiches. Open since 1947.

**Nickel Diner** (\$\$) – [www.nickeldiner.com](http://www.nickeldiner.com)  
524 South Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-1422 (213) 623-8301  
Home of the maple bacon donut; breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**Pacific Dining Car** (\$\$\$\$)  
1310 West 6<sup>th</sup> St. Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 483-6000  
Famous for its steaks; open since 1921; also has a Santa Monica location.

**The Pantry** (\$\$) – [www.pantrycafe.com](http://www.pantrycafe.com) (esp. for breakfast)  
877 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 972-9279  
Hearty, basic food; former Mayor Richard Riordan is an owner; throwback old-school greasy spoon; an LA landmark (opened in 1924, with the seasoned grills to prove it).

**Philippe** (\$) – [www.philippes.com](http://www.philippes.com)  
1001 N. Alameda St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 628-3781  
Home of the original French Dip sandwich (opened in 1908); “community” style tables and sawdust on the floor.

**Taylor’s Prime Steaks** (\$\$\$) – [www.taylorsteakhouse.com](http://www.taylorsteakhouse.com)  
3361 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) 382-8449  
Famous for its quality, reasonably priced steaks; opened in 1953; has “old school” dark interior with red leather (plether?) booths.

**Water Grill** (\$\$\$\$) – [www.watergrill.com](http://www.watergrill.com)  
544 S. Grand Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 891-0900  
Famous for its seafood and raw bar; earned 1 Michelin star in 2008.

**Wurstküche** (Belgian Sausage, Fries and Beer) – <http://www.wurstkucherrestaurant.com/>  
800 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., LA 90013  
213.687.4444  
Downtown Arts District “purveyor of exotic grilled sausages”  
Wide selection of Belgian, German, and North American beers on tap  
All food, under \$10; Drink/\$6-12

### **\*Drinks Downtown\***

**The Standard Hotel Rooftop Bar** –  
<http://www.standardhotels.com/los-angeles/restaurants-bars/rooftop-bar/>  
550 South Flower  
This is a popular and chic place for cocktails with panoramic views of downtown skyscrapers. Also features waterbed pods, a pool, and fireplace. It’s best at night, but bring a sweater.

**The Edison** – [www.edisondowntown.com](http://www.edisondowntown.com)

108 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., #101  
213-613-0000

Housed in Downtown LA's first private power plant, the Edison "celebrates an era of invention and imagination—the blending of science, art and industry." Features hand-crafted cocktails starting at \$13/ea.

**Cole's** – <http://colesfrenchdip.com/>

118 E. Sixth Street  
213-622-4090

Cole's claims (with Philippe's) to be the inventor of the French Dip sandwich. Unlike Philippe's, however, Cole's also has a full bar.

**Library Bar** -- <http://www.librarybarla.com>

630 W Sixth St. Ste 116A  
213-488-1931

A quick walk from the Bonaventure—entrance on Hope Street just below 6<sup>th</sup>. Touts itself as "the perfect escape from the Hollywood bar scene."

**Golden Gopher** – <http://www.goldengopherbar.com>

417 W 8<sup>th</sup> St  
213-614-8001

The Golden Gopher's antique (but still valid) 1905 liquor license allows a rarity in L.A. – a take-out/package option that allows patrons to take their booze "to go." Has an outdoor smoking area, a selection of old school video games to accompany a rec room-meets-hunting-lodge-in-the-city vibe.

**Broadway Bar** – <http://www.broadwaybarla.com>

830 S. Broadway  
213-614-9909

An art-deco inspired Theatre District lounge with a 50-foot circular bar; features "early-bird" specials on Tuesdays through Fridays (5 p.m. – 9 p.m.).

**\*Restaurants in Neighborhoods Beyond Downtown\***

**Alcove** (breakfast/brunch foods) – <http://www.alcovecafe.com/>

1929 Hillhurst Ave., Los Angeles 90027  
323-644-0100

M-Sat, 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sun, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Coffee and bakery items as well as full entrees

Outdoor/patio seating

**AOC on 3<sup>rd</sup> St** (Wine Bar) – <http://www.aocwinebar.com/>

8022 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., LA 90048  
323-653-6359

**Ackee Bamboo Jamaican Cuisine**

4305 Degnan Blvd., Ste. 100 (Leimert Park)  
323-295-7275  
Entrees/\$7 - \$12;

**Animal** (\$\$\$) – [www.animalrestaurant.com](http://www.animalrestaurant.com)

435 N. Fairfax Ave Los Angeles, CA 90048 (323) 782-9225  
Eclectic menu (changes daily, depending on what's fresh at the Farmers' Markets); chefs are the stars of Food Network's *2 Dudes Catering* (Jon Shook and Vinny Dotolo); small and large plates; no-nonsense décor and atmosphere.

**Apple Pan** (\$) – 10801 W Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90064-2105, (310) 475-3585  
Homemade pies, burgers and sandwiches served at U-shaped counter. Open since 1947.

**Aunt Kizzy's Back Porch** – <http://www.auntkizzy's.com/>

523 Washington Blvd., Marina Del Rey  
310-578-1005  
Sunday Brunch; Daily lunch and dinner;  
Huge portions of LA's best Southern food; Entrees from \$14 - \$19

**Bar Pintxo** (Tapas) – <http://www.barpintxo.com/>

109 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica 90401  
310.458.2012

**Cliff's Edge** -- <http://www.cliffsedgecafe.com/>

3626 Sunset Blvd., LA 90026  
323-666-6116  
Open for brunch Sat/Sun, 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
and dinner Mon – Sat, 6:00 p.m. to close  
Dinner Entrees/\$14-20

**Comme Ca** – <http://www.commecarestaurant.com/> (\$\$\$)

8479 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood 90069  
323-782-1104  
David Myers' French brasserie; Menus change regularly;  
Entrees range from \$17-\$30

**Fred 62** (24 hr diner) – <http://www.fred62.com/>

1850 N. Vermont Ave.  
323.667.0062  
Open 24-hours a day, 365 days a year  
Range of diner-menu prices, from \$3.00 - \$15.00  
Hip and scenester-y, especially later in the evening and during brunch.

**Gingergrass** (Vietnamese) – <http://www.gingergrass.com/>

2396 Glendale Blvd., Silver Lake 90039  
323-644-1600  
Entrees/\$10 and up

**Hal's Bar and Grill** – <http://www.halsbarandgrill.com/pages/home.php>

1349 Abbot Kinney Blvd. (Venice Beach) 310-396-3105

Romantic and bustling, neighborhood comfy yet chic; Live Jazz; Located in the heart of Abbot Kinney's row of boutiques and galleries. Entrees/\$18-\$30

**The Hump** (\$\$\$\$) – [www.thehump.biz](http://www.thehump.biz)

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 3221 Donald Douglas Loop S, Santa Monica – (310) 313-0977

Sushi. Limited number of tables and sushi bar; overlooks the runway at the Santa Monica Airport.

**Jar on Beverly Blvd.** – <http://www.thejar.com/>

8225 Beverly Blvd., LA, 90048

323-655-6566

Suzanne Tracht's take on a 1940s supper club/steakhouse.

Features a "little bites" menu on Thursdays, with appetizer-sized selections between \$6-\$10

Entrees between \$20-\$42 without sides.

**The Kitchen** (Brunch, lunch, dinner) – <http://www.thekitchen-silverlake.com/>

4348 Fountain Ave. at Sunset Blvd.

323-664-3663

Open Late (1 a.m. Fri/Sat; Midnight, Mon-Thu; to 10:00 on Sundays)

Brunch Saturday and Sunday (from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

All food between \$7 - \$12

**Kogi BBQ Truck** (Korean bbq and tacos—chase on Twitter) (\$)

<http://kogibbq.com/>

**La Serenata** (\$\$) – [www.laserenataonline.com](http://www.laserenataonline.com)

1842 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Los Angeles, CA 90033 (323) 265-2887

Mexican; especially good grilled seafood entrees; owns two other restaurants on the Westside (West LA and Santa Monica).

**Little Dom's** (California/Italian) – <http://www.littledoms.com/>

2128 Hillhurst Ave., 90027

323.661.0055

entrees/\$15 and up

intimate, neighborhood Italian restaurant in Los Feliz

**Matsuhisa** (\$\$\$\$) – 129 N La Cienega Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA 90211-2206

(310) 659-9639

Flagship restaurant of internationally renowned chef Nobu Matsuhisa; famous for its "fusion" approach to sushi.

**Nyala** (Ethiopian) – <http://www.nyala-la.com/>

1076 South Fairfax Ave.

323-936-5918

One of the best on "Ethiopian Row" in the Fairfax District, south of Olympic

**Osteria Mozza** (\$\$\$\$) – [www.mozza-la.com](http://www.mozza-la.com)

6602 Melrose Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90038 (323) 297-0100

Italian; joint venture between chefs Nancy Silverton and Mario Batali; has a "less fancy" pizzeria next door that specializes in thin crust pizzas, salumi and other snacks. Bar Menu, Thursdays and Sundays for \$35 including three courses (dessert is one), and a glass of wine. Standing Menu: all items \$12 and up, with entrees ranging from \$17-\$60.

**Musso and Frank Grill (\$\$\$)** – [www.mussoandfrankgrill.com](http://www.mussoandfrankgrill.com)

6667 Hollywood Blvd Hollywood, CA 90028 (323) 467-7788

“Old style” restaurant in the heart of Hollywood (open since 1919) with red-jacketed waiters and dry martinis.

**Original Farmers Market** – <http://www.farmersmarketla.com/>

At 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fairfax, adjacent to The Grove (shopping complex) and CBS Television City; The Original Farmers Market is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a social hub and casual culinary and shopping destination. Features a collection of restaurants, food and souvenir stands; a great place to people-watch and to spot screenwriters and directors swapping stories over coffee and doughnuts in the a.m.; live music most Fridays and Saturdays from 5:00 on.

**Palate** (Wine bar + food) – <http://www.palatefoodwine.com/>

933 S. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91204

818.662.9463

Menu changes weekly; Mediterranean-influenced Californian fresh cuisine

Entrees/\$12 and up

**The Pig n’ Whistle (\$\$)** – [www.pignwhistle.com](http://www.pignwhistle.com)

6714 Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028-4605 (323) 463-0000

Pub food; most famous as the restaurant next to the Egyptian theater with 1920s era décor.

**Pink’s (\$)** – [pinkshollywood.com](http://pinkshollywood.com)

709 North La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA (323) 931-4223

Hot dogs; Hollywood landmark (opened in 1939); famous for its long lines and specialty “dogs” named after celebrities. Expect a line on weekends, but the people-watching is worth the wait.

**Roscoe’s House of Chicken & Waffles** – <http://www.roscoeschickenandwaffles.com>

5006 W. Pico Blvd

323-934-4405

(\$\$); LA landmark for, of course, fried chicken and waffles; Open early and open late; Plan for lines.

**Susan Feniger’s Street** -- <http://www.eatatstreet.com/>

742 N. Highland Ave., LA 90038

323.203.0500

Entrees from \$6 - \$30

“Global streetfood”

**Sushi Roku** -- <http://www.sushiroku.com/>

8445 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., West Hollywood, 90048

323-655-6767

**Taco Zone Truck**

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/taco-zone-truck-los-angeles>

**Taurat Tandoori** (Indian, in Koreatown)

<http://www.latimes.com/features/food/la-fo-find26-2009aug26,0,7569929.story>

101 S. Vermont Ave.

213-383-6780

Entrees/\$6-\$11

**Uncle Darrow's Cajun Restaurant** – <http://www.uncledarrows.com>

2560 S. Lincoln Blvd., Marina Del Rey

310-306-4862

Westside family-run Cajun for Breakfast, lunch, or dinner; Entrees from \$7-\$25 (for catch-of-the day at the high end; large portions)

**Versailles Cuban Restaurant** – [www.versaillescuban.com/](http://www.versaillescuban.com/)

10319 Venice Blvd. (Culver City; other locations in mid-city, Huntington, and the Valley)

310-558-3168

Entrees/\$10-\$12 that feed two hungry people

**Yuca's** (Yucatan-style Mexican) – <http://www.yucasla.com/>

2056 Hillhurst Ave., Los Feliz 90027

323.662.1214

Mon-Sat 11:00 – 6:00 p.m.

All menu items under \$5.00

**Zankou Chicken** -- <http://www.yelp.com/biz/zankou-chicken-los-angeles>

5065 W. Sunset Blvd., LA 90027

323-665-7842

Rotisserie garlic chicken you dream about between visits.

Entrees/under \$10

**\*Drinks in Neighborhoods Beyond Downtown\***

Akbar (with small dance floor; Silverlake)

<http://akbarsilverlake.com/>

Bar Lubitsch (West Hollywood)

<http://www.barlubitsch.com/>

Bar Marmont (Hollywood)

<http://www.chateaumarmont.com/>

Beso (Hollywood)

<http://besohollywood.com/>

The Dime (Fairfax District)

<http://theguide.latimes.com/fairfax-district/restaurants/the-dime-venue>

Winston's (West Hollywood)

<http://www.winstonsla.com/>

Yamashiro Pagoda Bar (Hollywood)

<http://www.thepagodabar.com/>

For the view – Perched on a hill overlooking Hollywood from above the famed Magic Castle.

*ENTERTAINMENT, ATTRACTIONS, and SHOPPING INFORMATION*

**\*Research/Archives/Libraries\***

**Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences/Margaret Herrick Library**

<http://www.oscars.org/library/index.html>

333 La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211

Closed on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays

Open Monday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Center for Visual Music**

<http://www.centerforvisualmusic.org/>

453 S. Spring St., Ste. 834

213-683-1514

A nonprofit film archive dedicated to visual music, experimental animation, and avant-garde media. Website features current screenings and events and detailed information on archival collections, including holdings of film/video/digital media, papers, books, artwork, photography and artifacts. Collections include those of artists such as Oskar Fischinger, and Mary Ellen Bute, among others. Scholars are invited to contact the Center as advance appointments are required to access the collections, most of which are housed off-site. Inquiries should be directed to the phone number above or to [cvmaccess@gmail.com](mailto:cvmaccess@gmail.com)

**Eddie Brandt's Saturday Matinee**

5006 Vineland Ave, North Hollywood

(818) 506-4242

Open Tue-Fri 12pm-6pm; Sat 8:30am-5pm

[www.ebsmvideo.com](http://www.ebsmvideo.com)

Eddie Brandt's Saturday Matinee has the biggest video (VHS) collection of any video store in the Los Angeles area, and its staff has encyclopedic knowledge. In particular, they have a stunningly large collection of vintage television on tape. But Eddie's may be most useful to visiting scholars for its other collection: FILM STILLs. They have a huge collection of stills, which patrons can browse casually and can buy on the spot for significantly less money than at traditional archives.

**Los Angeles Public Library, Central Library**

630 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

<http://www.lapl.org/central/>

213-228-7000

**ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives**

909 W. Adams Blvd. Tue. & Fri. 1:30pm - 5:30pm , Wed. & Thur. 3:30pm - 9:00pm ,

Saturday 11:00am - 5:00pm, Sundays & Mondays – Closed

<http://www.onearchives.org/>

A useful archive with deep holdings of gay publications, subject clippings files, and cheap donated books for sale.

### **The Paley Center for Media**

<http://www.paleycenter.org/visit-visitla>

465 N. Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
310.786.1000

Open Wednesdays – Sundays, noon – 5:00 p.m.

In the heart of Beverly Hills' shopping district; Programs can be called up for 2-hours of viewing time, with day's admission. There is always a themed display in the building's lobby and there is a collection of Al Hirschfeld sketches of TV personalities and program casts on the second floor of the Richard Meier-designed building.

### **UCLA Arts Library**

UCLA Arts Library Home Page: <http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/Arts/>

Arts Library Exhibits: <http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/arts/9738.cfm>

UCLA Library Film and Television Research Guide: <http://guides.library.ucla.edu/film>

UCLA Arts Library Theater, Film, and Television Blog:

<http://blogs.library.ucla.edu/arts/>

### **UCLA Film and Television Archive**

UCLA Film & Television Archive holds over 250,000 films and television programs produced from the 1890s to the present. The collection includes independent and studio-produced shorts and feature films, local and network TV programming, and 27 million feet of Hearst newsreels. The Archive Research and Study Center (ARSC) coordinates thousands of individual viewing appointments annually, facilitating access to the Archive's rare collections in UCLA's Instructional Media Lab. For information on the collections of the Archive, please visit:

<http://www.cinema.ucla.edu/collections/collections.html>

To coordinate a research visit, please review the archive's FAQ at:

<http://www.cinema.ucla.edu/access/arscfaq.html>

For assistance, please contact Mark Quigley at [arsc@ucla.edu](mailto:arsc@ucla.edu) or 310.206.5388

### **USC Cinema Library and Performing Arts Archive**

In Doheny Memorial Library, on USC's University Park Campus

3550 University Park Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90089

Contact: Steve Hanson, 213.740.9377

Site: [http://www.usc.edu/libraries/locations/cinema\\_tv/](http://www.usc.edu/libraries/locations/cinema_tv/)

Map: [http://www.usc.edu/private/about/visit\\_USC/USC\\_UPC\\_map\\_color.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/private/about/visit_USC/USC_UPC_map_color.pdf)

USC's campus is convenient to the Bonaventure by taking the DASH, Route F line.

### **\*Downtown Neighborhoods to Explore\***

#### **Downtown Arts District**

-Take DASH Route A

<http://www.ladad.com>

#### **Downtown Fashion District**

-Take DASH Route E

<http://www.fashiondistrict.org/>

## **Downtown Union Station and El Pueblo Historic Park**

-Take DASH Route B or Metro Red Line

## **Los Angeles' Chinatown**

-Take DASH Route B or Metro Gold Line

<http://www.chinatownla.com/>

## **Walking and Riding Tours**

### **The Los Angeles Conservancy**

[http://www.laconservancy.org/tours/tours\\_main.php4](http://www.laconservancy.org/tours/tours_main.php4)

The LA Conservancy offers tours of historic downtown architecture, with a focus on movie palaces, Art Deco, Victorian homes, classic hotels, or new skyscrapers. Check the website for the available tours.

### **Esotouric - [www.esotouric.com](http://www.esotouric.com)**

A bus tour company that offers unique perspectives on Los Angeles history and geography, including "True Crime" and Charles Bukowski-themed trips. Schedule of upcoming tours located on website.

### **"A Lost Angeleno's Guide To the City of *Bladerunner*" -- <http://www.msgeek.com/brtour/>**

A wonderfully comprehensive guide compiled by S. Michelle Klein-Hass which, while touring *Bladerunner* sites, also offers great tips to touring Los Angeles, generally, with a focus on Bonaventure-adjacent walking and public transit.

## **Museums**

### **Hammer Museum/Billy Wilder Theater**

<http://hammer.ucla.edu>

10899 Wilshire Blvd., 90024 (Westwood)

310-443-7000

Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thu 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sun, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens - [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org)**

1151 Oxford Road San Marino, CA 91108 626.405.2100

Located near Pasadena and established by a wealthy railroad and real estate tycoon in 1919, boasts extensive collections of rare books, manuscripts and fine art, as well as 120 acres of botanical gardens.

### **Museum of Contemporary Art**

250 South Grand Ave

Weds: Closed, Thurs: 11am-8pm, Fri: 11am-5pm, Sat-Sun: 11am-6pm

[www.moca.org](http://www.moca.org) 213-626-6222

Located near the conference hotel, this is the city's leading venue for contemporary art.

### **Los Angeles County Museum of Art**

<http://www.lacma.org>

5905 Wilshire Blvd., LA 90036

323-857-6000

The largest art museum in the western US, the collection is particularly strong in “holdings of Asian art, . . . Latin American art, . . . and Islamic art.” The museum is closed Wednesdays; Pay what you wish after 5:00 p.m. (open until 8:00 p.m. M, Tu, Thu, Sat, Sun; until 9:00 on Friday); Opens at noon Mon-Fri; Opens at 11:00 Sat and Sun. Several galleries are currently under construction, while others are newly renovated—if there are particular collections you hope to visit, check the website or call first.

### **Museum of Jurassic Technology**

9341 Venice Blvd

Open Thu 2pm-8pm; Fri-Sun 12pm-6pm

[www.mjt.org](http://www.mjt.org)

A fascinating collection of curiosities and improbabilities that presents dimly lit and painstakingly curated historical hypotheses--all of which are probably hoaxes.

### **The Getty Museum** <http://www.getty.edu/visit/>

There is no admission fee for the Getty Museum and grounds, but parking is \$15 a car (free after 5 p.m.).

### **The Getty Villa** <http://www.getty.edu/visit/>

Located in Pacific Palisades; visitors are issued a timed ticket (free, parking is \$15) and only a certain number are issued for each day. Attendees interested in visiting the Villa should book their visit as soon as possible.

## **Downtown Music/Performing Arts**

### **REDCAT**

Cal Arts' Downtown Center for Innovative Visual, Performing and Media Arts, housed in Walt Disney Concert Hall, 631 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.; Schedule at <http://www.redcat.org>

Walking from the Bonaventure, exit 4<sup>th</sup> St., walking east toward Hope; Turn Left onto Hope and proceed 3 blocks northeast to 2<sup>nd</sup>; or, take the DASH, Route A;

### **Music Center Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County**

Complex including Walt Disney Concert Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ahmanson Theater, and Mark Taper Forum; at 135 N. Grand Ave., <http://www.musiccenter.org/> (213-972-7211); Walking from the Bonaventure, exit 4<sup>th</sup> St., walking east toward Hope; Turn Left onto Hope and proceed 3 blocks northeast to 2<sup>nd</sup>; or, take the DASH, Route A.

## **Movie Theaters**

### **American Cinematheque at the Egyptian Theater**

6712 Hollywood Boulevard

office tel. 323.461.2020 | fax: 323.461.9737

24-Hour recorded information: 323.466.FILM

<http://www.americancinematheque.com/indexegyptian.html>

One of the landmark movie palaces, the Egyptian Theater has an impressive courtyard and façade, though the interior has been modernized with stadium seating. Rep screenings are programmed by the American Cinematheque, specializing in Hollywood cinema *not* available on DVD. The screen is huge.

Accessible by transit: take the Metro red line to Hollywood & Highland. The Egyptian's sister theater on the Westside is the Aero in Santa Monica.

### **Cinefamily at the Silent Movie Theater**

611 N Fairfax

<http://cinefamily.org/>

Despite the name Cinefamily, this venue features the most eclectic, original, and cult-oriented weekend programming of any repertory house in the city. They also still screen silent films on Wednesday nights.

### **Studs Theater**

7734 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood

Open Daily 11am-5am

[www.studstheatre.com](http://www.studstheatre.com)

Los Angeles's only gay adult cinema, formerly known as the Tomkat and previously part of the Pussycat Theater chain. In front of the venue, stars of the golden age of porn have imprinted their handprints, just like at Grauman's Chinese theater.

### **Vista Theater**

4473 Sunset Blvd

<http://www.losfeliz.com/online/vista.htm>

A beautifully restored neighborhood theater with movie palace ambitions. This theater features an Egyptian themed décor and tons of legroom. The matinees are among the cheapest first-run matinees in the city.

### **ArcLight Cinemas and Cinerama Dome**

6360 W Sunset Blvd

[www.arclightcinemas.com](http://www.arclightcinemas.com)

The ArcLight is a high-end multiplex with reserved seating and premium presentation (also premium ticket prices), built adjacent to the vintage but updated Cinerama Dome. The Dome's screen is large but not as all-surrounding as you might expect. Generally a good selection of films. Near Amoeba Records. Accessible (with a bit of walking) by transit: metro red line to Hollywood and Vine, walk down to Sunset, turn right.

### **Grauman's Chinese Theater**

Hollywood & Highland mall recreation of Griffith's *Intolerance* set, and Hollywood Walk of Fame

6801 Hollywood Blvd

<http://www.manntheatres.com/chinese/>

The main drag in Hollywood is kind of a dumpy tourist trap. But you came all this way, so you might as well see it. The primary attractions are the historic celebrity hand and footprints in front of the Grauman's Chinese Theater. All the leading ladies' feet are TINY. The theater is also beautiful inside and out but has a tendency to screen movies you'd never actually want to see.

All are easily available by transit: take the Metro red line to Hollywood & Highland.

## **Shopping**

### **Amoeba Music and Videos**

6400 W Sunset Blvd

Mon-Sat 10:30am - 11pm, Sun 11am-9pm

<http://www.amoeba.com/>

The largest selection of new and used music and DVDs in the city. One block from the Cinerama Dome and ArcLight Cinemas. Accessible (with a bit of walking) by transit: metro red line to Hollywood and Vine, walk down to Sunset, turn right.

**Eso Won Bookstore**

4331 Degnan Blvd. (Leimert Park)

323-290-1048

<http://www.esowonbookstore.com/>

An essential stop when visiting historic Leimert Park. While specializing in titles focused on African American history and culture, as its website says, “ESO Won Books is more than a warehouse of reading materials. It is your personal gateway to inspiration, adventure, laughter, healthy living, social etiquette, history, and so much more.”

**Iliad Bookshop**

5400 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood

Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. , Sunday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

[www.iliadbooks.com](http://www.iliadbooks.com)

The largest used bookstore in the area, the Iliad has impressively expansive sections on cinema, music, and star bios. Worth the trek for booklovers.

**Touristy Fun****Disneyland/California Adventure/Downtown Disney**

1313 Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA

<http://www.Disneyland.go.com>

**L.A. Live Entertainment Complex** – A downtown entertainment “campus” bordered by Olympic Blvd., Figueroa and 11 Streets; home of the Nokia Theater and adjacent to the Staples Center; features numerous chain restaurants, bars, and a bowling alley.

**Hollywood Museum (Max Factor Building)** – [www.thehollywoodmuseum.com](http://www.thehollywoodmuseum.com)

1660 N. Highland Avenue Los Angeles, CA 323-464-7776

Contains several floors’ worth of Hollywood memorabilia; also features Max Factor’s original “color” rooms where he catered to the cosmetic needs of the stars (i.e. the “blonde” room; the “brunette” room). Located a block south of the Hollywood and Highland entertainment complex and Grauman’s Chinese Theater.

**Paramount Studio Tour** -- <http://www.paramountstudios.com/special-events/tours.html>

5555 Melrose Ave.

323-956-1777; advance reservations required; Two hour guided walking tour

**Santa Monica Pier and Third Street Promenade** –

<http://www.thirdstreetpromenade.org/menumachine/>

Ocean Avenue between Wilshire and Broadway

Favorite area for film and TV locations, as well as outdoor shopping and a range of dining experiences.

**TV Show Tapings**

Check Audiences Unlimited, Inc. at <http://www.tvtickets.com> ; Tickets should be ordered in advance; Dates for several series in production through March are currently posted online.

See also, <http://www.tvtix.com/>

**Venice Boardwalk** - <http://www.westland.net/venice/>

A great place to spend a quintessential SoCal day at the beach among eclectic crowds of surfers, street performers, artists, bodybuilders and vendors of all kinds.

**Universal Studios/Universal City Walk**

Accessible from the Bonaventure by transit: take the Metro red line to the Universal/Citywalk station or, the Bonventure is a pickup location for the Universal Studios Tour Shuttle (check with Concierge).

[http://www.universalstudioshollywood.com/visitor\\_info.html](http://www.universalstudioshollywood.com/visitor_info.html)

**Warner Bros. Studios – VIP Tour**

4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank

818-972-TOUR

Advance reservations are recommended. Tours are different on each trip, as visitors see work in progress, then tour exterior sets and the on-lot museum. Tours take approximately 2.5 hours; each group is limited to 12 people and tickets cost \$45.00. <http://www2.warnerbros.com/vipstudiotour/>